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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal with cool nights and warm days. A few light showers fell over the north-central and western portions of the state, but there was no rain elsewhere. There was practically full sunshine and very low humidity. There was very little wind.

CROPS About 27% of the corn crop had been harvested up to last weekend. Corn picking is much earlier than usual. Because of the dry conditions much of the corn has dropped to the ground. A few farmers are picking by hand to save gleaning the fields after the mechanical pickers. Farmers are eager to get their corn picked so they can pasture the stalk fields because pastures are extremely short.

A few counties are reporting yields below expectations, while other counties are reporting yields above expectations and a few with record yields. Fields are very spotted and vary greatly, particularly in the southern half of the state. Some irrigated corn yields are not as good as last year due to the corn root worm.

Winter wheat is holding up better than expected on early plowed fields where the crop became well established with roots reaching the subsoil moisture. Some further damage from high temperatures and winds was reported. The crop needs moisture badly throughout the entire state. It has been nearly two months since moisture was received in the western half of the state and about six weeks since moisture was received in the eastern half of the state.

The harvesting of potatoes is nearing completion. The crop was harvested under favorable conditions. One county reported dryland potatoes averaging over 200 bushels per acre, with irrigated yields up to 360 bushels. The sugar beet harvest has started. The crop is very good, although the sugar content has been a little low on some of the early harvested beets.

Harvesting of sorghum for grain and soybeans is nearing completion. While yields vary, both of the crops have turned out better than expected. The yield of soybeans on irrigated land is very good.

The condition of pasture is abnormally low. Much more hay and other feed will be required because of the lack of pasture. Range in the Sandhills is plentiful but the dry, dusty condition makes range feed unpalatable. A good rain to wash off the dust and soften up the range would improve it.

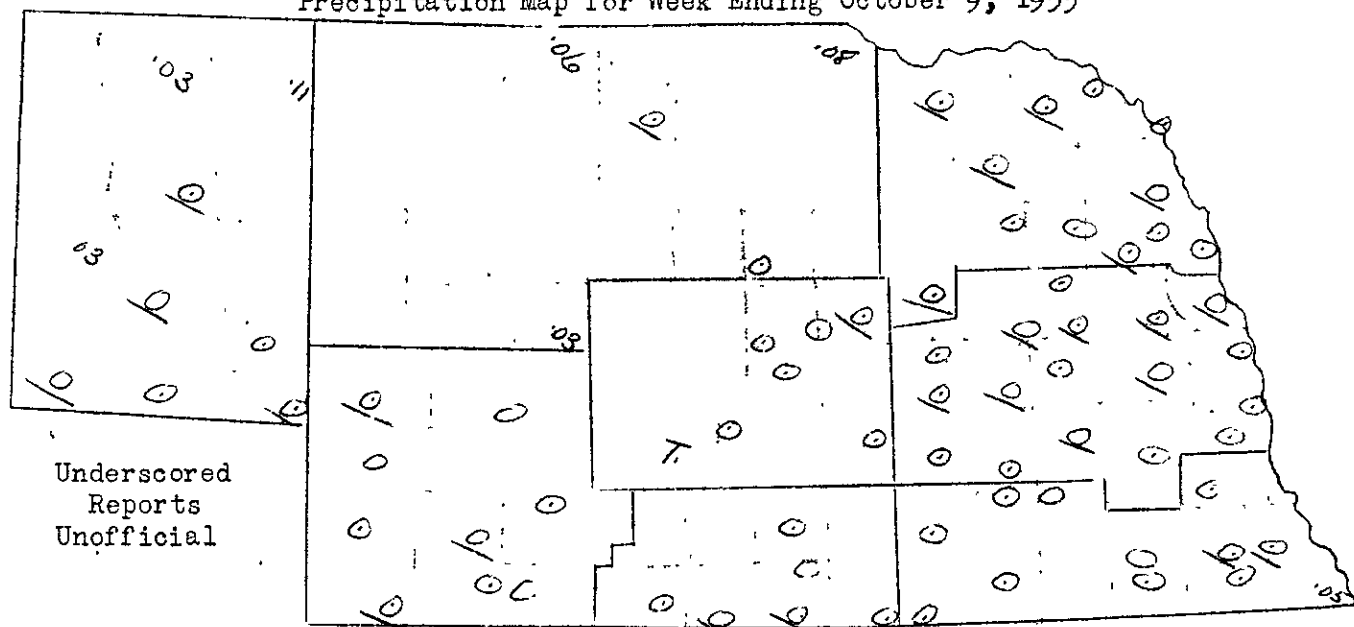
Stocks of feed grains are high but there are a few southern counties reporting a shortage. A much larger number of the southern counties are reporting a short supply of hay and forage. Practically all, except a few northwestern counties, are reporting a shortage of range and pasture. All counties are reporting a shortage of surface moisture and all except a few northwestern counties are reporting a shortage of subsoil moisture.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 12, 1953

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island 0	Burwell 0	Chadron .03
Lincoln 0	Lexington 0	Imperial .09
Norfolk 0	North Platte 0	Scottsbluff .01
Omaha 0	Valentine .06	Sidney .05
Sioux City 0		

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 9, 1953



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		October		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	68	31	70	40	82	33	79	37	88	38	86	53	86	54		
	Scottsbluff	72	35	73	35	81	37	79	37	87	44	81	42	83	43		
	Sidney	68	30	69	36	81	42	78	37	86	42	83	46	81	45		
N-C	Burwell	71	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	Valentine	66	28	59	45	79	40	73	39	89	46	82	49	83	57		
NE	Norfolk	71	36	57	36	70	41	76	33	77	44	81	40	75	44		
	Sioux City	73	43	58	33	68	39	76	37	74	43	82	41	78	45		
CEN.	Grand Island	--	33	60	41	72	42	78	35	80	44	84	42	82	47		
	Lexington	72	28	60	39	74	36	78	32	86	42	85	36	82	42		
E-C	Lincoln	73	37	58	38	68	44	78	40	75	52	82	46	82	51		
	Omaha	74	42	59	37	66	46	77	42	76	51	85	44	79	49		
SW	Imperial	71	28	66	39	82	40	79	33	89	43	87	38	85	44		
	North Platte	71	29	62	39	78	35	78	31	89	34	86	33	83	45		

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